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INVITATION TO TENDER: LOUGH NEAGH LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP CURLEW MONITORING OFFICER in the SOUTH WEST of LOUGH NEAGH



Tender Release date Friday 30th Nov. 2018

Deadline for Application Friday 21st Dec. 2018.

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Introduction

Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd. has secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership (LNLP) Programme which aims to address the heritage needs of the Lough and its shoreline on a holistic integrated landscape basis. The Programme will deliver 27 projects that relate directly to the conservation of the Lough's natural, cultural, and built heritage.

As part of the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership's Saving Nature programme the partnership wish to commission a Curlew Monitoring Officer (CMO) to work with us helping to deliver our nature conservation project working within the south west area of Lough Neagh.

The Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership alongside partners RSPB NI have identified the monitoring of the Breeding Curlew population in this area, as being an integral part of the Saving Nature project. The appointed person will help increase our understanding of how the Curlew are using this area, as well as engaging with the local community, and building a positive profile for Curlews in the area.

Background

The primary objective of our overarching Saving Nature project is to restore the peatland habitat and wet grassland for birds, waders and other wildlife that live alongside the people and community, in and around the Lough Neagh shore. Through the work we have been carrying out in the area we have established that there are a number of pairs of breeding Curlew using the area. Due to the severe decline of the Curlew in the last ten years, we would like to gain a better understanding on how the Curlew are using the land and the threats they are facing, as well as look at ways we can improve the area for the conservation of the Curlew in the future.

Local community have a strong interest in the local Natural Heritage of the area, and through our Saving Nature project we will be exploring the relationship that exists between them and their landscape, part of this we will be collecting stories and memories the community have of Curlew and other Breeding waders that use the landscape.

What we require

Starting Tuesday 26th March 2019, the focus of the CMO will be to monitor the area for Breeding Curlew and engage with the local landowners/businesses to raise the profile of the Curlew within the local community. Positive outreach is an integral part of the role and this will be carried out alongside the LNLP team. The work of the CMO will also feed into and help inform decisions taken by the DAERA Farm Group Scheme in the area.

– This will include (but is not limited to):

- Survey to assess the lands the Breeding Curlew are using and nesting in
- Movement of the Curlew in the landscape
- Engagement with local community
- Monitoring of predators in the area
- Assessing potential scope for predator infrastructure e.g. fencing to be installed, e.g. use of remote technology such as trail cameras, etc.

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- Monitoring of invertebrate food availability both onsite and at feeding sites in the surrounding area
- Liaising with other organisations carrying out survey in the Lough Neagh area – specific to Breeding waders).

Scope of Works

Category	Curlew Monitoring Officer Focus
Surveys and nest finding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveying the Department of Education lands for Curlew occupancy • Monitoring and recording brood hatching and fledgling success • Finding nests to enable conservation actions • Erecting nest protection fencing if deemed necessary • Providing advice to local landowners in the vicinity of the nest sites • Liaising with local landowners to gain access to their sites for survey purpose. Finding nests to enable conservation action.
Ecological recording	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey and record the department of Education lands and adjacent areas for all locations where Curlew are feeding and nesting. (Licence to be obtained from NIEA.) • RSPB NI are working with LNLN on this project and advice on survey design and techniques and use of standard recording forms will be provided • Photographs and videos should be taken of the site and any Curlew present. (Licence to be obtained from NIEA.) • Records should be prepared and shared with NIEA and CeDAR – the CMO will be available to showcase the work they are doing & facilitate site visits with NIEA/DAERA • A high quality report is expected at the end of the field season, which will include all records, presented in tables and maps, and if available GIS files.
Liaison with Landowners & Local community on Curlew conservation measures	<p>Positive engagement with local landowners and community is essential for this post, the CMO will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with local community/landowners and gather historical information around the presence of Curlew in the area • Work with local landowners and community to raise the profile of the Curlew at this site both at a regional and local level • Identify local curlew champions within the local community • Explain the purpose of Curlew conservation efforts • Gain permissions to access private lands with Curlew interest • Be courteous and respectful - operating in a non-intrusive way • Build positive relationships locally with landowners and community groups • Be a regular presence in the area • Engage local landowners and community in citizen science projects to involve them in the care of the Curlew in their local area.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver formal (e.g. demonstration/best practice management events) and informal (one-to-one) training and guidance to landowners involved in the scheme • Work alongside the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership team working on the Department of education lands, through the Saving Nature project.
Monitoring of predators in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey predators in the area • Set up camera traps and any other materials to monitor predators • Deliver monitoring of predators under licence (if required) or recruit other trained experts to do so under license.
Contribute to other LNLP projects and incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the LNP Environmental Farm Scheme which is active in the south west area of lough Neagh • Engage with local farmers/landowners and explain how EFS can reward them financially for looking after curlew/Breeding waders on their land • Provide monthly written blogs for the LNLP website as well as updates for Facebook/twitter • The post holder will be expected to contribute to a “deep Mapping” project which will be taking place engaging with local community – this could be through the facilitation of gathering materials concerned with the presence of the bird in the area and what people consider to be special about their connection with Curlew – why they want them in their area.

It is proposed that the project will take place over the period 26th March 2019 – 30th Sept 2019. The post holder will be expected to maintain regular contact with the Natural Heritage Officer Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership, working with them and contributing to the Saving Nature Project.

Timetable

The project must be completed by 30th September 2019 with the final report submitted by this date.

Budget

The maximum budget for this project is £20,000.00 inclusive of VAT and all expenses.

Monitoring Requirements

The successful individual/company will be required to attend regular progress meetings with an assigned member of staff. Dates and times of these meetings will be on an as needed basis – the post holder will have support from the LNLP Natural Heritage Officer. It is expected that they will keep a daily record of surveys carried out, and map the areas of land that are being used by the Curlew.

The post holder will also be expected to work alongside and contribute to any other Curlew/breeding wader surveys being carried out in the area – at present it is expected that BTO will be carrying out a volunteer survey for breeding waders in 2019.

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Quotation Evaluation

Quotations will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Experience – of working with Curlew/Breeding waders
- Meeting specifications set out in the table above
- Cost – Fixed Price

Submissions will be evaluated on the quality and costs of the service with certain scores and weightings applied to achieve the most economically advantageous tender. The overall score will be marked out of 100. The assessment of completed tenders will be based on quality and price in the proportion of 80% Quality and 20% Price.

Applicants should note the weighting applied to quality and methodology and are encouraged to provide a comprehensive outline on how they will approach the proposal.

The submitted quotation should provide the following information:

Content	Max Score	Details to be included
Relevant experience, and expertise of the delivery team	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience and knowledge/expertise of the individual • Ability to deliver the specifications set out in the Scope of Works table (page 3/4) • Roles of the individual in relation to the Scope of Works • Two relevant project examples from within the last 4 years. A referee should be provided for each example; ideally this should be the person who employed you to complete the relevant project
Methodology and added value. Method Statement outlining the key stages you will undertake and the approach used	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a full detailed methodology indicating your understanding of the tender, how you will carry out the project and achieve the outputs detailed under the scope of works • Please provide an outline delivery programme, milestones and confirmation of ability to complete within timescale.
Cost	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide full costings • Cost will be scored as follows: Lowest quotation = full available marks. Then for each other quote: Lowest quotation/quoted price X maximum available mark
Total	100	

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Deadline for Tender Submissions

Please submit your proposal by email to Siobhan.Thompson@loughneaghlp.com and mark in the subject field “Curlew Monitoring Officer – Saving Nature” by 12pm on Friday 21st December 2018



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FORM OF TENDER – Part 1

Reference Number

01001

Quotation

for

Curlew Monitoring Officer – Saving Nature.

I/we hereby offer to provide the above-mentioned goods/services as detailed in the attached specification and invitation to Quote for the sum of

(inclusive of VAT).

£

I/we have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of Contract and the supplementary statements and policies and agree: -

To the terms and conditions set in this Quotation, to any additional terms and conditions set out in the specification, that having completed this form a binding contract shall be made by this Quotation and our acceptance thereof.

Signature		Date
Address		
Telephone Number		
Fax Number		
Email		
VAT Registration Number		

Notes/instructions to companies

Quotation prices must reflect all circumstances affecting, or likely to affect, the provision of the goods/services.

Quotations received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership are not bound to accept the lowest or any submission.

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SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES AND PRICES – Part 2

Description of Goods	Quantity	Unit Cost (Incl. Vat)	Total Cost (Incl. Vat)
Staff costs			
Expenses			
Other costs – Please detail			
TOTAL COST (Incl. Vat)			

OFFICE USE ONLY

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Received by

Date

Time

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Non-submission Form

Quotation for the development and delivery of Curlew Monitoring Officer – Saving Nature

Name _____

Address _____

We will not be submitting a quotation for the above project.

Signed: _____

Date _____